



Round Table Report

8 March 2021

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This report summarizes the ECDC daily roundtable discussion and provides update on threats detected and monitored by Epidemic Intelligence.

Active threats

COVID-19 associated with SARS-CoV-2 – multi-country (world) – 2019-2021

Update: Since yesterday and as of 08 March 2021, 85 732 new cases of COVID-19 (in accordance with the applied case definitions and testing strategies in the affected countries) and 1 045 new deaths have been reported in the EU/EEA.

The five EU/EEA countries reporting most new cases are: France (21 825), Italy (20 724), Poland (13 569), Germany (5 011) and the Netherlands (4 522).

The five EU/EEA countries reporting most new deaths are: Italy (207), Czechia (165), France (130), Poland (126) and Slovakia (97).

Summary: Since 31 December 2019 and as of 08 March 2021, 23 213 466 cases of COVID-19 (in accordance with the applied case definitions and testing strategies in the affected countries) have been reported in the EU/EEA, including 561 722 deaths.

EU/EEA cases:

As of 08 March 2021, 23 213 466 cases have been reported in the EU/EEA: France (3 904 233), Spain (3 149 012), Italy (3 067 486), Germany (2 505 193), Poland (1 794 914), Czechia (1 325 291), the Netherlands (1 118 652), Romania (828 283), Portugal (810 094), Belgium (787 797), Sweden (684 961), Austria (471 820), Hungary (466 017), Slovakia (323 390), Bulgaria (260 308), Croatia (246 514), Ireland (223 219), Denmark (214 839), Greece (205 120), Lithuania (202 214), Slovenia (195 468), Latvia (90 331), Estonia (76 183), Norway (73 493), Finland (62 063), Luxembourg (56 646), Cyprus (36 878), Malta (24 398), Iceland (6 059) and Liechtenstein (2 590).

EU/EEA deaths: As of 08 March 2021, 561 722 deaths have been reported in the EU/EEA: Italy (99 785), France (88 600), Germany (71 934), Spain (71 138), Poland (45 285), Belgium (22 261), Czechia (21 882), Romania (20 900), Portugal (16 540), Hungary (15 873), the Netherlands (15 814), Sweden (13 003), Bulgaria (10 614), Austria (8 538), Slovakia (7 836), Greece (6 758), Croatia (5 590), Ireland (4 422), Slovenia (4 169), Lithuania (3 328), Denmark (2 379), Latvia (1 695), Finland (767), Estonia (667), Luxembourg (662), Norway (632), Malta (334), Cyprus (233), Liechtenstein (54) and Iceland (29).

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EU:

As of 08 March 2021, 23 131 324 cases and 561 007 deaths have been reported in the EU.

Other News:

On 7 March 2021, the [Austrian Federal Office for Safety in Health Care](#) (BASG) reported two incidents following vaccination with AstraZeneca's COVID-19 vaccine: a 49-year-old woman who died as a result of severe coagulation disorders and a 35-year-old woman who developed a pulmonary embolism and is on the way to recovery. There is currently no evidence of a causal relationship with vaccination. Further investigations are being carried out. As a precaution, the remaining stocks of the affected vaccine batch will no longer be distributed and administered.

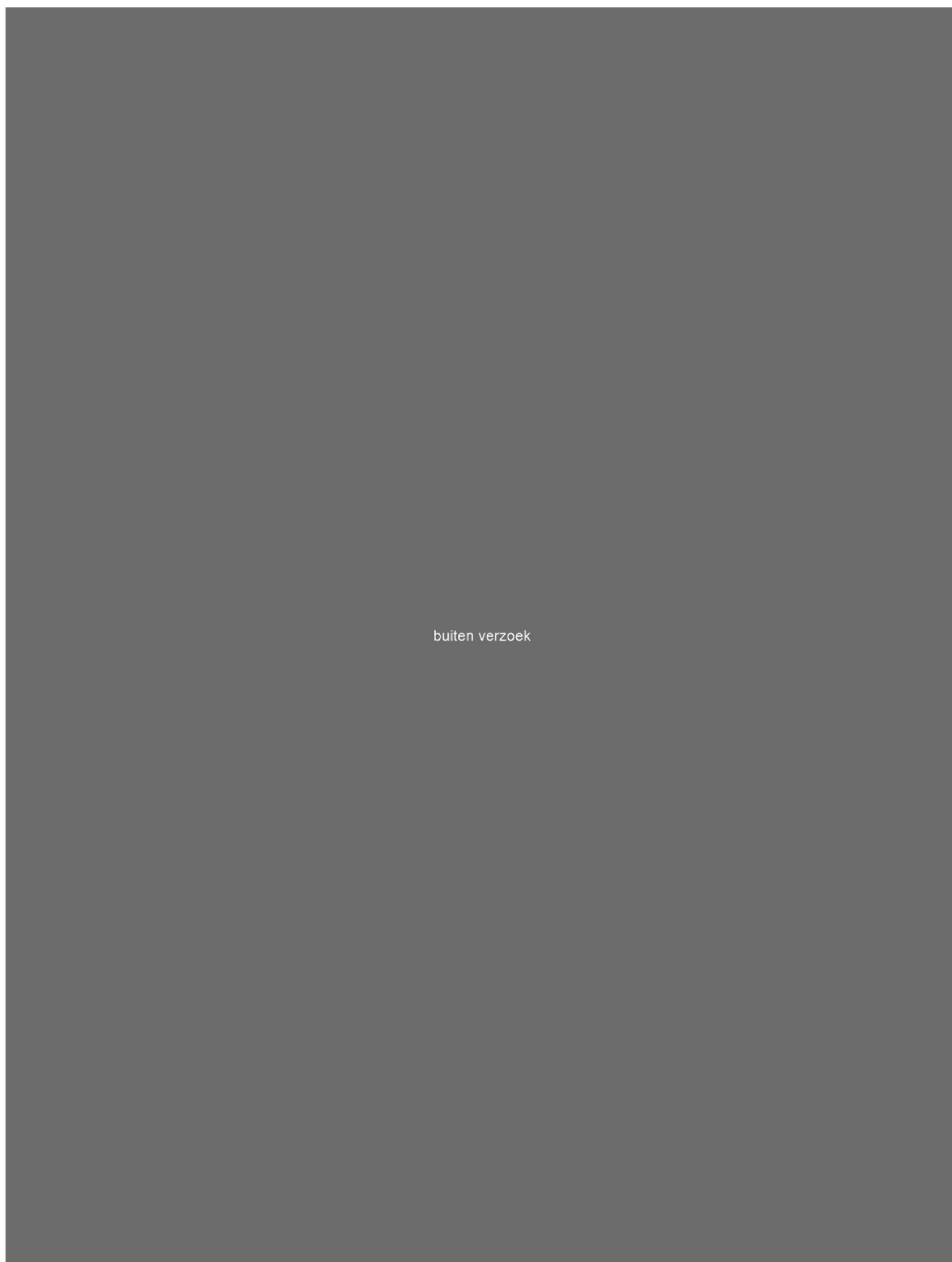
Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC):

On 30 January 2020, the World Health Organization declared that the outbreak of COVID-19 constitutes a PHEIC. On 11 March 2020, the Director-General of the [WHO](#) declared the COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic. The [third](#), [fourth](#), [fifth](#) and [sixth](#) International Health Regulations (IHR) Emergency Committee meeting for COVID-19 were held in Geneva on 30 April 2020, 31 July 2020, 29 October 2020, and 14 January 2021, respectively. The committee concluded during these meetings that the COVID-19 pandemic continues to constitute a PHEIC.

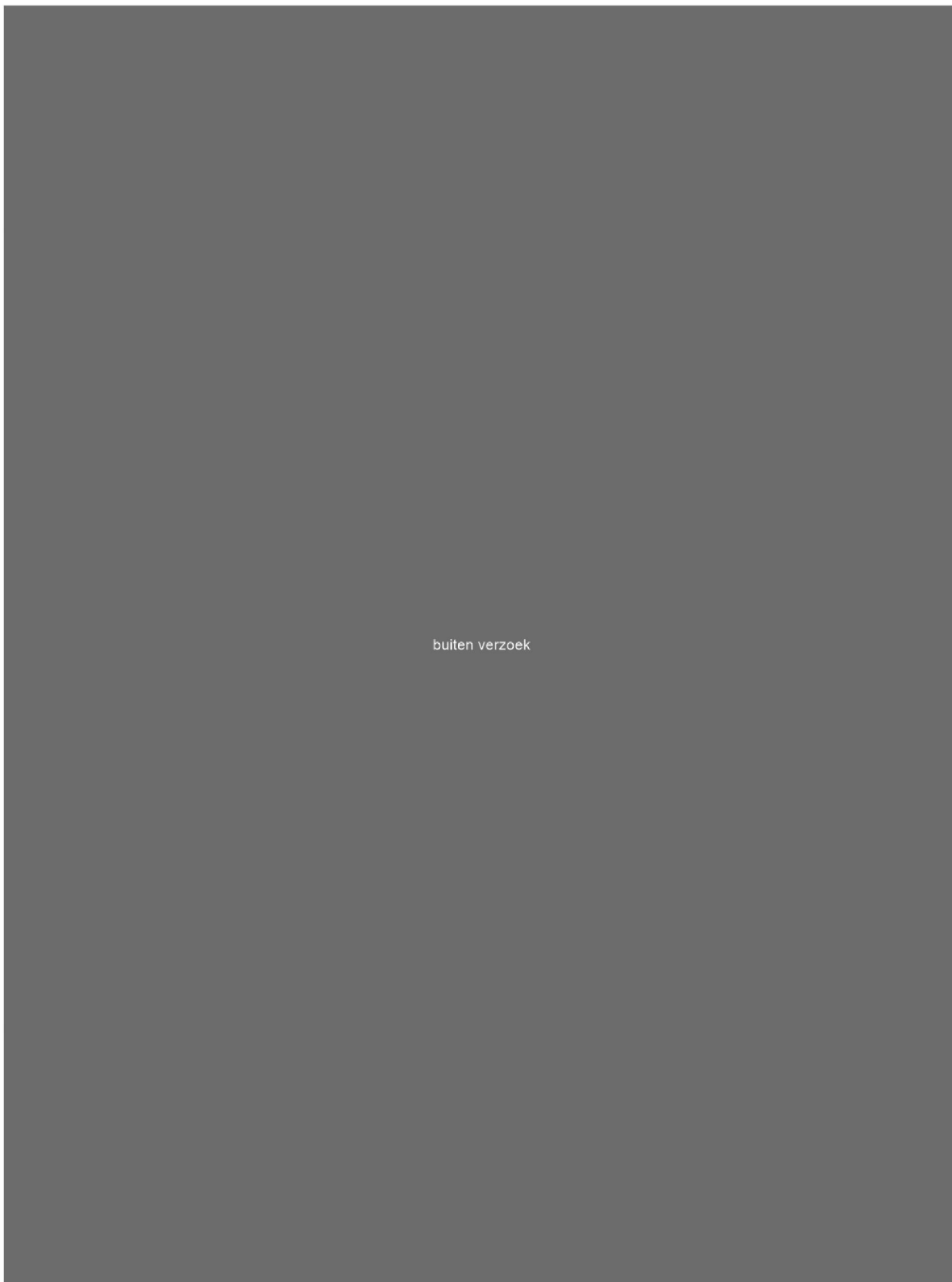
Assessment: For the last available risk assessment, please visit [ECDC's dedicated webpage](#).

Actions: ECDC has published the 14th update of its [rapid risk assessment](#). A [dashboard](#) with the latest updates is available on ECDC's website. ECDC's [rapid risk assessment](#) on the risk related to the spread of new SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern in the EU/EEA was published on 29 December 2020, and a [first update](#) published on 21 January 2021.

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Expert deployment

One EPIET fellow has been deployed in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, until 21 March 2021 to work with GOARN on the Go.Data implementation to strengthen the COVID-19 surveillance and response.

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Influenza: -
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